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4. In Peking in April and May 1950 there was a long and bitter debate between the Communist leaders desiring the substitution of technical and professional training, and the intellectuals, including the Democratic League, favoring retention of the present liberal arts institutions. The intellectuals protested so vehemently that the Communists informed the universities that they could maintain their present system, but that within three years they must adopt a curriculum which will produce well-trained technicians and professional men. Thus for the present many departments such as philosophy have survived.
5. The intellectuals are continuing to press their point of view. It has, however, become expedient to fight indirectly. The intellectuals pursue the theme that for technical progress, narrow professional training is not enough. A German physicist who has studied the German V-2 rockets and who can quote from German scientific literature on that subject has stated that such technical developments as these are not possible without close cooperation of many departments such as physics, chemistry, and the other scientific disciplines. These departments exist only in the modern liberal arts university.
6. Thus the universities have not yet been destroyed by the Communist Government, although much emphasis has been placed on technical and professional training. During the past few months the government has come to realize that institutions for political indoctrination, such as Nan Fung University in Canton, cannot take the place of the orthodox universities. This realization has come slowly and it is not yet clear how deeply it is felt by the Communists.

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